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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of
SUGAR HILL
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1976



BICENTENNIAL FLAG PRESENTATION

March 27, 1976

(L/R) Selectman Roger Aldrich - Rev. Virgil Coffin, Master of Ceremonies - Andrew Poulsen, N. H. Senator - Mrs. Raymond Flanagan (presented certificate) - Dr. J. Duane Squires, Chairman of the N. H. A. R. B. C. (presented the address) - Selectman Donald Jesseman - James Cleveland, United States Congressman (presented the flag) - Eino Fimlaid, N. H. Representative and Selectman Bradford Whipple. (Jack Colby)

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Fifteenth Annual Report of the Town of Sugar Hill

Year Ended December 31, 1976



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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Office

823-8468

Moderator

David Shepatin (1975-1976)

Robert Whitney (elected November 1976)

Town Clerk

Edith Aldrich

823-5301

Selectmen

Donald E. Jesseman, 1977

823-8008

Roger H. Aldrich, Chairman, 1978

823-5937

Bradford H. Whipple, 1979

444-2922

Tax Collector

Edith Aldrich

823-5301

Treasurer

Lissa Boissonneault

Highway Agent

Harold Aldrich

823-5301

Police Chief

Gary Young

823-8858

Grafton County Sheriffs Department

1-800-552-0393

Fire Chief

Peter Robertson

To Report a Fire

Fire Station

823-8412

823-8468

Auditor

Edward Pinkerton

Supervisors of the Checklist

Edward Wessels, 1978

Dorothy MacEwan, 1980

823-5602

Philip Robertson, 1982

823-5354

Overseer of Public Welfare

Mary E. Peckett

Health Officer

Anna Congdon

Library Trustees

Gladys Jesseman, Chairman, 1977

Jane Vincent, 1978

Sandra Coffin, 1979

Trustees of Trust Funds

James Branch, 1977

Raymond Dickinson, 1978

James Alexander, 1979

Board of Adjustment

Charles Weston, Chairman, 1980

Philip Struhsacker, 1978

Aubrey Reid, 1977

Robert Whitney, 1979

M. Fred Thoma, 1980

Planning Board

James Branch, Chairman, 1979

Richard Peabody, 1977

Juna Grass, 1977

Joseph Cushing, Jr., 1979

Donald E. Jesseman, 1977

Philip Robertson, 1979

Esther Serafini, 1980

Appointing Authority

Gilbert Oakes

Benton Moyer

Harry Reid

Conservation Commission

Margaret Peckett

Aubrey Reid

Barbara Hayward

Sandra Coffin

Philip Robertson

Edna Glaessel

Otto Smith-Johannsen

Carolina Crapo Fund Trustees

Donald E. Jesseman, 1978

Harold W. Smith, 1980

Mitchell Vincent, 1982



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meetinghouse, Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, Tuesday the eighth day of March, 1977 A.D. at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To chose a Town Clerk, a Selectman for a term of three years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, an Overseer of Public Welfare, a Library Trustee for a term of three years, a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of one year, a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of two years, a member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of five years, and three persons for a term of one year each to act as appointing authority to appoint temporary members to the Board of Adjustment in case of disqualification, resignation, death, or absence of any permanent member or members, and a Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three years.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following salary schedule changes: Town Clerk - \$800.00, Tax Collector - \$1000.00.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$7000.00 for the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund, the sum of \$6500.00 for the Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund, the sum of \$2500.00 for the Police Department Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-nine thousand (\$59,000.00) dollars for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new fire truck and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw eleven thousand (\$11,000.00) dollars from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, as ammended by the Second Session of the 94th Congress, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-one thousand (\$21,000.00) dollars from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund and to apply an amount not to exceed ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars from surplus funds, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow on the credit of the Town the balance of the sum of money so raised and appropriated for this purpose, and to authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town under and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act or any other enabling authority, delegating to the Board of Selectmen the discretion of fixing the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes, and of providing for the sale thereof: and to see if the Town will vote to accept any State or Federal monies available toward the purchase of same.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,950.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,800.00
Election and Registration Expense	350.00
Expenses of Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	5,000.00
Reappraisal of Property	650.00
Employees Retirement and Social Security	2,000.00
Police Department	15,000.00
Fire Department	11,550.00
Insurance, including Blue Cross, Blue Shield	7,500.00
Planning and Zoning	900.00
Damage and Legal Expenses	250.00
Civil Defense	50.00
Health Department, including Hospitals	1,688.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Dump	9,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	19,500.00
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	9,500.00
Street Lighting	4,300.00
General Expense of the Highway Department	7,000.00
Town Road Aid	531.72
Library	2,500.00
Town Poor	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day	50.00
Franconia/Sugar Hill/Easton Recreation Program	1,200.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00
Franconia/Sugar Hill/Easton Chamber of Commerce	1,624.85
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,500.00
Interest on Long Term Loans	3,212.50
Principal on Long Term Loans	2,500.00
Crane Hill Bridge Payment	3,000.00

\$124,622.07

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand two hundred (\$11,200.00) dollars for the purchase of a new highway truck and authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for the purchase of equipment for the Police Department and authorize the withdrawal of that amount from the Police Department Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay two hundred seventy (\$270.00) dollars to the White Mountains Region

Association as the Town's 1977 quota.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken at its annual meeting on March 12, 1963 which discontinued as an open highway the Crane Hill Road from the residence of Alva Russell to the residence of Joseph Cushing and made the road subject to gates and bars.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend funds up to \$2,666.30, remaining from the special appropriation under Article 15 of the Warrant of the March 5, 1974 Town Meeting (Expense of the Refuse Disposal Planning Committee) for the purpose of closing the current Sugar Hill Dump in a safe and sanitary manner.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to grant Site Plan Review authority to the Sugar Hill Planning Board in accordance with N.H.R.S.A. 36-19A. This will provide the Town with an opportunity to review and approve or disapprove for non-residential development.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute boundary line agreements on behalf of the Town with regard to the Meeting House property with abutting property owners Preston and Julia Cyrs and Donald and Gladys Jesseman.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for and accept aid from the government of the United States and the government of New Hampshire and to authorize the Selectmen to spend such funds.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to direct a discount of one percent (1%) to be made to those persons or corporations who shall pay taxes within a period of time three (3) weeks from the date of the tax bill.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint such committees as seem necessary.

Article 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this second day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

Roger H. Aldrich
Donald E. Jesseman
Bradford H. Whipple
Selectmen of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire

FROM THE SELECTMEN'S POINT OF VIEW

In the last paragraph of our message in the 1975 report we suggested that you mark down the date of July 17, 1976 and save it for it was to be Sugar Hill's Bicentennial Celebration day. That was some birthday party. It furnished most of us with memories which will last a lifetime. The very colorful parade was the best ever, the Museum dedication ceremony was perfection itself, the closing barbecue was great. We would like to thank all who participated and helped to make it such a nice day.

Virgil and Shirley Coffin deserve particular thanks as overall chairmen. Thanks to "Vince" and Jane Vincent and crew for their huge effort in getting the museum finished on time and arranging the dedication ceremonies. The "Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Company", who incidently carried Sugar Hill's flag in 22 parades and functions, for their colorful and "noisy" participation. The New Chester Fife and Drum Corp for providing us with thrilling authentic music all day and Dot MacEwan and crew for the barbecue. Betty Monahan and Elinor Lynn for putting on a great Antique show. Many others should be thanked as well but will have to be satisfied with the fact that we love you all.

The Crane Hill Road Bridge turned out much better than we expected. To our very great surprise the winning bid was about one half of the sum that the state Highway Engineers had estimated. Consequently, to finish paying for it, we only have to raise a small sum to go with the unexpended balance of last year's appropriation. In our estimation the contractor did a good job and the engineers tell us that we should not have to do anything more to the bridge for 15 to 20 years. In connection with this we are asking the town to recind the vote which closed the Crane Hill road subject to gates and bars so that we may proceed gradually to reopen the road.

We think the town did the right thing in placing the sums of money suggested in the various equipment reserve funds and hope that this will be continued at the same level. We feel that if this is done we will not find it necessary to raise extra money for equipment for some time.

We are pleased to be able to report that at long last we have come up with what seems to us to be a reasonable solution to our solid waste disposal problem. The problem was made much more acute in 1976 by a "Cease and Desist" order given to us by the N. H. Air Pollution people, effective 1 July, 1977.

Following quite a number of exploratory meetings with the Boards of Selectmen of Franconia and Easton and with the very helpful participation of the staff of the North Country Council we jointly held meetings with a gentleman from Bethlehem who has a disposal site which has been approved by the state and is in the business of transporting and disposing of solid waste. In very broad terms the tentative arrangement is this:

A collection site will be prepared at the present Franconia town dump site. It will consist of collection boxes into which our waste will be dumped. Periodically the boxes will be emptied into a compactor truck and taken to the site in Bethlehem for burial in a landfill dump. The Franconia collection site will have limited access and limited hours and will have to have an attendant on duty when open. Once the site is in operation our present site in Sugar Hill will be closed to further disposal and reclaimed. A collection site cannot be maintained in each town without a very large increase in cost as it will be mandatory to have an attendant on duty to avoid fire and health hazard conditions. There are still a great many details to be worked out but we are waiting to do that after we find out if the towns approve the plan and fund it. Since we have been unsuccessful in finding a suitable disposal site in any of the three towns we do not have an alternative plan and if this plan should get shot down in flames at the annual meeting we plan to "cry a lot."

"Why do we need a new fire truck? We already have four." "What's the matter with the ones you've got?" "Where can you put it when you only have room for four?" "Will it lower our insurance rates?" "Will it increase our taxes?" "Isn't it really just a shiny new toy for the members of that closed club, the fire department, to show off in?" These are just a few of the questions we have been hearing lately.

We refer you to Section II, paragraph 2, of the report of the Fire Department Study Committee, dated January 14, 1974 which was printed in the Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1973: "As you know, the department currently has an antique 1939 Ford support vehicle, a 1954 Dodge 4x4, a 1952 Chevrolet pumper and a 1962 International. Even with improved maintenance the three older trucks cannot be depended on and the certification of the International expires in three years, therefore, we see a definite need in the very near future of acquiring a primary attack unit or at least a heavy duty pumper with a good supply of hose."

Paragraph 3, detailed the needs for a new fire station and we herewith reprint the last paragraph: "Being appraised of the needs of the Fire Department, particularly in terms of equipment and a station, we would recommend that the selectmen seriously consider, or at least study the feasibility of acquiring a new primary apparatus and the construction and financing of a new fire station."

You will recall that the warrant for the annual meeting of 4 March, 1975, contained in the annual report for the year ending December 31, 1974 had two articles relating to the above quoted report of the Fire Department Study Committee. Article 3, which authorized construction of a new fire station at a cost of \$75,000, was passed by a wide margin of the voters. Article 4, which would have authorized purchase of a new fire truck for \$35,000. (\$22,500 of which would have been borrowed) was withdrawn by the Fire Department.

Since that time the 1939 Ford truck has been replaced by a 1968 Chevrolet Van, at no cost to the town. The Dodge 4x4, on loan from the State Forestry Department, has been replaced by a ten-wheeler tanker, on loan from the Forestry Department, again at no cost to the town.

With one minor exception the study committee report is as valid today as it was three years ago. The exception being that there is no certification to expire on the International as the rules of the game have been changed and fire departments are evaluated as a whole rather than by individual pieces of equipment. So, contrary to any rumor you may have heard, it is NOT necessary to purchase this piece of apparatus to keep our present insurance rates for the immediate future. Nor will it decrease our rates if we do purchase it.

In answer to the question of increased taxes we would say first that we don't think the question is relevant to the need for a new truck. A more direct answer can be either yes or no depending entirely on your point of view. Certainly it costs more to buy something than not to buy it and since most of our revenue is derived from taxes the cost of a new fire truck will, ultimately, be paid for by taxes. "IT" will increase our taxes if we spend, overall, more money than before, but "IT" will not increase our taxes if we spend less than before. By "IT" we refer to any item in the budget rather to any one specific item. You will notice that we are proposing to borrow less or about the same as we were proposing to borrow to purchase essentially the same fire truck in 1975 although the cost has gone from \$35,000. to somewhere in the vicinity of \$59,000.

Why we need it was pretty well outlined by the study committee 3 years ago. To their reasons we can add the fact that the Chevrolet is hopelessly inadequate to our needs for a secondary vehicle. The heavy repairs to the International in 1976 place serious doubts upon its future reliability as a primary attack vehicle. Which lends us to strongly recommend that a new fire truck be purchased to be used as a primary attack vehicle, the International be relegated to secondary status and the Chevrolet be eliminated.

What about the question of the shiny new toy for the closed club members to show off in? We considered an answer which made some reference to horses and fertilizer but thought better of it. It's just too silly to answer.

According to our calculations if the entire budget is adopted as proposed by the selectmen the net result should be a small decrease in the amount to be raised by taxation, somewhere on the order of 5 to 10%. Buy with us and save! Sorry but we don't accept credit cards or give green stamps.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL,

Estimate of the Revenue for the Year 1977 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1976

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1976	Actual 1976	Estimated 1977
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$36,000.00	\$37,541.64	\$ 36,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	500.00	1,010.07	500.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,800.00	2,996.80	2,800.00
Highway Subsidy	6,500.00	6,660.44	6,718.76
Reimbursement a/c Gasoline Tax	500.00	912.61	500.00
Reimbursement a/c Business Profits Tax	1,078.00	1,078.00	1,132.00
Reimbursement a/c Highway Safety to Police Dept.	-.-	1,625.54	-.-
Reimbursement a/c TRA to Highway Dept.	-.-	2,329.20	-.-
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	150.00	186.20	150.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	32.00	10.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	9,000.00	13,576.40	11,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	1,000.00	2,414.76	1,000.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	-.-	-.-	k33,200.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	93.00	238.90	100.00
Resident Taxes Retained	2,800.00	2,950.00	2,800.00
Normal Yield Taxes Retained	-.-	263.40	150.00
Rent of Town Property	100.00	35.00	50.00
Sale of Town Property	-.-	262.00	100.00
Income from Departments	-.-	17,334.85	-.-
Miscellaneous Refunds	-.-	165.50	-.-
Bond & Note Issues	11,750.00	-.-	27,000.00
Surplus	2,000.00	2,500.00	10,000.00

(BUDGET continues on page 12)

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR 1977

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1977 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1976

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1976	Actual 1976	Estimated 1977
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ *3,950.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,650.00	^a 4,387.08	** ^b 4,800.00
Election & Registration Expenses	700.00	653.80	350.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	3,500.00	3,789.71	5,000.00
Employee's Retirement & Social Security	5,942.39	5,819.70	2,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	14,000.00	^c 16,450.86	^d 15,000.00
Fire Department	8,500.00	10,400.00	11,550.00
Care of Trees	196.00	196.00	-.-
Insurance	5,800.00	7,158.26	7,500.00
Planning & Zoning	900.00	807.25	^e 900.00
Damages & Legal Expense	250.00	-.-	250.00
Civil Defense	50.00	-.-	50.00
Health Department:			
Vital Statistics	15.00	4.50	15.00
Health, includes hospital	1,688.15	1,688.00	^f 1,688.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	1,000.00	590.00	9,000.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	27,500.00	33,418.35	^g 29,000.00
Street Lighting	4,300.00	4,119.90	4,300.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	6,500.00	9,171.19	7,000.00
Town Road Aid	534.43	534.43	531.72
Libraries:	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,500.00

(BUDGET continues on page 13)

(REVENUE continued from page 10)

From Federal Sources:

Revenue Sharing	2,986.00	7,102.85	11,456.85
Revenue Sharing Interest	<u>-.-</u>	<u>59.28</u>	<u>-.-</u>

Total Revenues From All

Sources Except Property Taxes \$144,667.61

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY

PROPERTY TAXES \$77,267.00 \$ 70,774.46

Explanation of Footnotes:

- (a) Includes \$600.00 appraisal
- (b) Includes \$650.00 appraisal
- (c) Includes \$1625.54 which has been reimbursed from N.H.
Highway Safety Funds
- (d) Includes \$500.00 for Dog Officer
- (e) Includes North Country Council \$639.00
Sugar Hill Planning Board \$261.00
- (f) Includes Littleton Hospital \$ 500.00
White Mtn. Community Services 490.00
North Country Home Health Agency 698.00
\$1,688.00
- (g) Includes Summer \$19,500.00
Winter 9,500.00
- (h) Includes Memorial Day \$ 29.52
Bicentennial Celebration 2,146.33
\$2,175.85
- (i) Includes White Mtn. Region Assoc. \$ 270.00
Franconia-Sugar Hill-Easton C of C 1,624.85
\$1,894.85
- (j) Includes Equipment Reserve Funds to:
Fire Dept. \$7,000.00
Highway Dept. 6,500.00
Police Dept. 2,500.00
\$16,000.00
- (k) Includes Highway \$11,200.00
Fire 21,000.00
Police 1,000.00
\$33,200.00
- (l) Includes Highway Dept. \$6,961.58
Fire Dept. 76.69
Bicentennial 296.58
\$7,334.85

*Salary \$800.00 Town Clerk, \$1,000.00 Tax Collector

**Salary \$800.00 Secretary to the Selectmen

(EXPENDITURES continued from page 11)

Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,000.00	200.00	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	1,053.66	2,000.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00	h2,175.85	50.00
Recreation	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Conservation Comm.	-. -	429.45	500.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00	150.00	1,500.00
Adv. & Regional Assoc.	2,424.85	2,424.85	i1,894.85
Debt Service:			
Principal & Long Term			
Notes & Bonds	7,000.00	7,000.00	2,500.00
Interest - Long Term Notes			
& Bonds	3,562.50	3,533.22	3,212.50
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,000.00	3,446.00	2,500.00
Capital Outlay:			
Lisbon Bridge Payment			
(end 1976)	1,814.27	1,814.27	-. -
New Highway Truck	-. -	-. -	11,200.00
New Fire Truck	-. -	-. -	59,000.00
Town Tax Map (ends 1977)	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Capital Equip. Res. Fund	j16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Crane Hill Road Bridge	11,750.00	7,364.81	3,500.00
Police Dept. Equipment	-. -	-. -	1,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$144,477.44	\$153,681.43	\$215,442.07

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Forwarded From 1975	Appropriations
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	\$ 2,950.00
Town Officers' Expenses		4,000.00
Election & Registration		700.00
Expenses of Town Buildings		3,500.00
Reappraisal of Property		650.00
Police Department		14,000.00
Fire Department		8,500.00
Care of Trees		196.00
Insurance		5,800.00
Civil Defense		50.00
Health Dept. & Hospitals		1,688.00
Vital Statistics		15.00
Town Dump		1,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer		18,500.00
Town Road Maintenance - Winter		9,000.00
Town Road Aid		534.43
Street Lighting		4,300.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		6,500.00
Library		2,250.00
Old Age Assistance		2,000.00
Town Poor		1,000.00
Memorial Day & Bicentennial	225.00	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	455.00	
Recreation Program		1,200.00
Cemeteries		1,500.00
Planning & Zoning	2,666.30	900.00
Damage & Legal Expenses		250.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		2,424.85
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds		3,162.14
Social Security & Retirement		5,942.39
Interest on Temporary Loans		2,000.00
Interest on Long Term Notes & Bonds		3,562.50
Principal Payments, Long Term Notes & Bonds		7,000.00
Capital Reserve Funds	23,160.43	16,000.00
Town Tax Map		2,500.00
Highway Dept. Equipment		*2,100.00
Fire Station	2,240.75	
U.S. Revenue Sharing	698.57	
Crane Hill Road Bridge		11,750.00
County Tax		28,207.78
Lisbon Bridge		1,814.27
School Districts	49,751.61	118,855.69
	\$79,197.66	\$297,303.05

*From Revenue Sharing

**Not included in total

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

Receipts	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Overdrafts	Carried to 1977 Liabilities
\$	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$	\$	\$
	4,000.00	3,787.28	212.72		
	700.00	653.80	46.20		
	3,500.00	3,789.71		289.71	
	650.00	600.00	50.00		
1,625.54	15,625.54	16,602.45		976.91	
	8,500.00	10,530.81		2,030.81	
	196.00	196.00			
64.00	5,864.00	6,606.99		742.99	
	50.00		50.00		
	1,688.00	1,688.00			
	15.00	4.50	10.50		
	1,000.00	590.00	410.00		
13,622.02	32,122.02	22,620.00	9,502.02		
	9,000.00	10,798.35		1,798.35	
2,329.20	2,863.63	3,113.63		250.00	
	4,300.00	4,119.90	180.10		
912.51	7,412.51	7,720.07		307.56	
	2,250.00	2,250.00			
	2,000.00	1,053.66	946.34		
	1,000.00	200.00	800.00		
1,296.58	2,521.58	2,175.85			345.73
	455.00	429.45	25.55		
	1,200.00	1,200.00			
	1,500.00	150.00	1,350.00		
	3,566.30	807.25	92.75		2,666.30
	250.00		250.00		
	2,424.85	2,424.85			
	3,162.14	126.77	3,035.37		
	5,942.39	5,993.92		51.53	
1,993.77	3,993.77	3,446.00	547.77		
	3,562.50	3,533.22	29.28		
	7,000.00	7,000.00			
1,421.22	40,581.65				40,581.65
	2,500.00	2,500.00			
	**2,100.00	**1,920.00			
	2,240.75	250.00			1,990.75
6,404.28	7,102.85	1,920.00			5,182.85
	11,750.00	7,364.81			4,385.19
	28,207.78				28,207.78
	1,814.27	1,814.27			
	168,607.30	109,113.61			59,493.69
\$29,669.12	\$404,069.83	\$250,125.15	\$17,538.60	\$6,447.86	\$142,853.94
			- 6,447.86		
			Net Unexpended --	\$11,090.74	

Town of Sugar Hill

BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer		\$109,409.71
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Fire Department Equipment	\$ 17,802.27	
Highway Department Equipment	16,565.80	
Police Department Equipment	<u>6,213.58</u>	40,581.65
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1975	464.18	
Levy of 1974	<u>101.74</u>	565.92
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1976 (including Resident Taxes)	12,267.21	
Levy of 1975	189.39	
Previous Years, 1972	<u>5.95</u>	12,462.55
Total Assets		\$163,019.83

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations	*\$ 9,387.97
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	5,182.85
Yield Tax Deposits	1,342.52
County Taxes Payable	28,207.78
School Districts Taxes Payable	<u>59,493.69</u>
Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$103,614.81
Capital Reserve Funds	<u>40,581.65</u>
Total Liabilities	\$144,196.46
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	<u>18,823.37</u>
Grand Total	\$163,019.83
*Dump Planning \$2,666.30	
Bicentennial	345.73
Fire Station	1,990.75
Crane Hill Bridge	<u>4,385.19</u>
	\$9,387.97

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 70,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,000.00
Library, Lands and Buildings	20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	5,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Building	72,000.00
Equipment	35,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	45,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	3,000.00
Sugar Hill Dump	500.00
Cemeteries	11,000.00
Village Green Building	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$294,500.00



RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

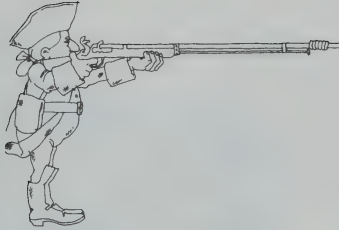
Outstanding Long Term Debt-December 31, 1975	\$71,250.00
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year:	
Bonds Paid	<u>7,000.00</u>
Outstanding Long Term Debt-December 31, 1976	\$64,250.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the town clerk, town tax collector, town treasurer, town selectmen, trustees of the trust funds and library trustees and find them correct and properly vouched.

EDWARD G. PINKERTON

Town Auditor
February 9, 1977



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my fifteenth annual report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1976.

Auto Tax Permit Applications issued for 1975	\$ 161.40
Auto Tax Permit Applications issued for 1976	12,944.00
Auto Tax Permit Applications issued for 1977	471.00
Filing Fees	2.00
Dog Licenses sold for 1976	<u>186.20</u>

\$ 13,764.60

The sum of the total receipts was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Aldrich
Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Accessed Land Value	\$ 3,657,778.00
Buildings	6,185,200.00
Public Utilities - Electric	<u>260,500.00</u>
Total valuation before exemptions	\$10,103,478.00
Elderly Exemptions (5)	<u>26,500.00</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$10,076,978.00



COMPARISON OF TAX RATES

<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>
Town \$.34	Town \$.48	Town \$.81
County .14	County .23	County .28
School <u>1.16</u>	School <u>1.09</u>	School <u>1.17</u>
\$1.68	\$1.80	\$2.26

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations		\$159,327.44
Less:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$37,541.64	
Savings Bank Tax	1,010.07	
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,800.00	
Reimbursement a/c Gasoline Tax	650.00	
Revenue from Yield Tax Sources	179.57	
Interest Received on Taxes	200.00	
Interest Received on Deposits	1,200.00	
Dog Licenses	174.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10,000.00	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property	200.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	24.00	
Resident Taxes	2,500.00	
Surplus (Cash \$5,000; Bal. Sheet \$14,000)	2,500.00	
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	2,100.00	
Proceeds of Bonds & Long Term Notes	11,750.00	
Highway Subsidy	6,660.46	
Bicentennial (Contra)	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Revenues & Credits		\$ 80,489.74
Net Town Appropriations		\$ 78,837.70
Net School Appropriations		
(Lafayette \$67,912.41; Profile \$50,943.28)		119,447.63
County Tax Assessment		<u>28,207.78</u>
Total Assessments		\$226,493.11
Deduct: Total Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	3,400.00	
Add: War Service Tax Credits	1,750.00	
Add: Overlay	<u>3,162.14</u>	
Property Taxes to be Raised		\$228,005.25

1976 TAX RATES:

Town	\$.81
County	.28
School	<u>1.17</u>
	\$2.26 per \$100

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes - Levy of 1976

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$225,899.83	\$
Resident Taxes	2,500.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	<u>238.90</u>	\$228,638.73
Yield Taxes		337.88
Added Taxes:		
Resident Taxes	<u>190.00</u>	190.00
Land Use Change Taxes		804.26
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		61.21
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		<u>2.00</u>
Total Debits		\$230,034.08

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$212,917.06	
Resident Taxes	2,490.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	238.90	
Yield Taxes	263.40	
Land Use Change Taxes	201.50	
Interest Collected	61.21	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>2.00</u>	\$216,174.07
Discounts Allowed		1,582.80
Abatements Made During Year:		
Resident Taxes	<u>10.00</u>	10.00
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:		
(As per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	11,399.97	
Land Use Change Taxes	602.76	
Resident Taxes	190.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>74.48</u>	<u>12,267.21</u>
Total Credits		\$230,034.08

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes - Levy of 1975

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$ 8,399.54	
Resident Taxes	440.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>178.09</u>	\$ 9,017.63

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	<u>20.00</u>	20.00
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Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes

308.78

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes

49.00

Total Debits

\$ 9,395.41

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$ 7,922.04	
Resident Taxes	460.00	
Interest Collected During Year	308.78	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>49.00</u>	\$ 8,739.82

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	<u>466.20</u>	466.20
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Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:
(As per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	11.30	
Yield Taxes	<u>178.09</u>	<u>189.39</u>

Total Credits

\$ 9,395.41

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes - Levy of 1972

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$	<u>5.95</u>
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Total Debits	\$	5.95
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YIELD TAX SECURITY DEPOSITS RECEIVED DURING 1976

May 28	Paul Hayward, Homestead Lot	\$ 67.88
September 27	Schoff Lumber, R. Farrell Lot	363.60
November 22	Schoff Lumber, Perkins Lot	186.00
November 29	P. Struhsacker, Struhsacker Lot	72.00
December 6	Douglas Brooks, Pescosolido Lot	84.00
December 6	Schoff Lumber, Shuwall Lot	144.00
December 20	Luther Crowe, Peckett Lot	425.04

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976

DEBITS

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:		
	1975	1974	1973
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1976	\$	\$ 101.74	\$
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	800.72		
Interest Collected After Sale	6.69		
Redemption Costs	19.63		
Total Debits	\$ 827.04	\$ 101.74	\$

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:	1975	1974	1973
Redemptions	\$ 336.54	\$	\$
Interest & Costs After Sale	26.32		
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1976	464.18	101.74	
Total Credits	\$ 827.04	\$ 101.74	\$

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES

December 31, 1976

	1975	Levies of 1974	1973
Baker, William O.	\$	\$ 101.74	\$
Baker, William O.	105.91		
Bielefield, Richard	358.27		
	\$ 464.18	\$ 101.74	\$

1976 TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1976	\$ 12,428.84	
Savings account - Lafayette National Bank	25,000.00	
Savings account - Peoples National Bank	25,000.00	
Savings account - Peoples National Bank	<u>71,250.00</u>	\$133,678.84
Edith M. Aldrich, Tax Collector	225,276.75	
Edith M. Aldrich, Town Clerk	13,764.60	
State of New Hampshire	55,851.03	
Lafayette National Bank (Temporary loans)	90,000.00	
Interest on regular savings accounts	1,993.77	
Pistol Permits	10.00	
Subdivision Fees	20.00	
Highway Department Revenue	957.86	
Highway Dept. Revenue - Jericho Road	6,003.72	
Fire Department Revenue	76.69	
Rental of town meeting house	35.00	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,342.52	
Refunds:		
State of N.H. forest fire div. refund	39.53	
Fire Department member insurance	20.00	
N.H. Municipal Assoc. meeting refund	10.00	
State of N.H. Crime Comm. (motorcycle)	1,625.54	
Ferdinando Ins. Agency ins. premium	64.00	
Sale of town property	262.00	
U.S. Government Revenue Sharing	6,345.00	
Interest on Rev. Sharing Bank Certificates	59.28	
Sunnyside Cemetery Assoc. - Social Security	48.89	
Richardson Mem. Library - Social Security	40.93	
Bicentennial Committee Income	296.58	
Uncashed check	<u>31.97</u>	<u>404,175.66</u>
Total Available		\$537,854.50

PAYMENTS

Orders of Selectmen:

Payment of Accounts	\$428,444.79	\$428,444.79
Purchase of Bank Cert. for Rev. Sharing	7,838.00	
To open sav. acct. - Lafayette Nat. Bank	<u>62,542.00</u>	
	\$498,824.79	

In Treasurer Account:

Cash on hand, December 31, 1976	\$ 48,508.71	
Savings Account - Lafayette National Bank	57,542.00	
Cert. of Deposit for Revenue Sharing	1,863.00	
Lafayette National Bank	<u>1,496.00</u>	<u>109,409.71</u>
		\$537,854.50

Respectfully submitted,

Lissa M. Boissonneault
Town Treasurer



*Raising of the Bicentennial Flag
March 27, 1976 - Meeting House*

*Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Company: Jeffrey Henault, Harry Reid,
Peter Robertson, Roger Aldrich, Donald Boissonneault & Bradford Whipple*

Town of Sugar Hill

RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Land Use Change	\$ 201.50
Property Taxes - 1976	212,917.06
Resident Taxes - 1976	2,490.00
National Bank Stock Taxes - 1976	238.90
Yield Taxes - 1976	<u>263.40</u>

Total Current Year's Taxes Remitted \$216,110.86

Property & Yield Taxes - Previous Years	7,922.04
Resident Taxes - Previous Years	460.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	369.99
Penalties: Resident Taxes	51.00
Tax sales redeemed	<u>362.86</u>

From State:

For Town Road Aid	2,329.20
Highway Subsidy	6,660.44
Interest & Dividends Tax	37,541.64
Savings Bank Tax	1,010.07
Reimbursement a-c Motor Veh. Rd. Tolls	912.51
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,996.89
Reimbursements a-c Bus. Profits Tax	3,400.28
Bicentennial	<u>1,000.00</u>

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	186.20
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	32.00
Rent of town property	35.00
Interest received on deposits	1,993.77
Income from departments - Highway	6,961.58
Motor Vehicle Permits - 1975 \$	161.40
1976	12,944.00
1977	<u>471.00</u>
	<u>13,576.40</u>

Total Current Revenue Receipts \$303,912.73

(RECEIPTS continue on page 30)

PAYMENTS

December 31, 1976

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,950.00
Town officers' expenses	3,787.28
Election & registration expenses	653.80
Expenses town hall & other town buildings	3,789.71
Reappraisal of Property	600.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	16,602.45
Fire Dept., including forest fires	10,530.81
Moth extermination-Blister Rust & Care of Trees	196.00
Planning and Zoning	807.25
Insurance	6,606.99
Conservation Commission	429.45

Health:

Health Dept., inc. hospitals & ambulance	1,688.00
Vital statistics	4.50
Town Dump	590.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	3,113.63
Town Maintenance - Summer	22,620.00
Town Maintenance - Winter	10,798.35
Street Lighting	4,119.90
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	7,720.07

Library:

Richardson Memorial Library	2,250.00
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Public Welfare:

Old age assistance	1,053.66
Town Poor	200.00

Patriotic Purposes:

Bicentennial	2,146.33
Mem. Day, Vet. Assoc. & Old Home Day	29.52

Recreation:

Parks & playgrounds	1,200.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	150.00
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(PAYMENTS continue on page 31)

(RECEIPTS continued from page 28)

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	90,000.00	
Insurance adjustments	64.00	
Refunds	69.53	
Sale of town property	262.00	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,342.52	
Grants from U.S.A.		
Revenue Sharing	6,345.00	
Int. on Inv. of Rev. Sharing Funds	59.28	
Gov. Comm. on Crime & Delinquency	1,625.54	
Proceeds of Loans in Anticipation of		
Bond Issues	71,250.00	
All Other Receipts	<u>495.06</u>	171,512.93
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		<u>\$171,512.93</u>
Total Receipts from All Sources		475,425.66
Cash on Hand January 1, 1976		<u>62,428.84</u>
Grand Total		\$537,854.50

(PAYMENTS continued from page 29)

Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Assoc.	2,424.85
Taxes bought by town	800.72
Discounts, Abatements & refunds	126.77
Employees' Ret. & Soc. Sec.-Town Share	5,993.92
Yield Tax	<u>141.00</u>

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$114,124.96
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Debt Service:

Paid on tax anticipation notes	1,575.69
Paid on long term notes	1,870.31
Paid on bonded debt	<u>3,533.22</u>

Total Interest Payments	\$ 6,979.22
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Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	90,000.00
Payments on long term notes	71,250.00
Payments on bonded debt	<u>7,000.00</u>

Total Principal Payments	\$168,250.00
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Capital Outlay:

Highways & Bridges-State Aid constr.	7,364.81
Lands & Buildings-Fire Station	250.00
New equipment-Highway	1,920.00
Payments to capital reserve funds	16,000.00
Tax Maps	<u>2,500.00</u>

Total Outlay Payments	\$ 28,034.81
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State a-c Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	127.92
Town of Lisbon	1,814.27
School Districts	
1975 \$49,751.61	
1976 <u>593.62</u>	<u>109,113.61</u>

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	\$111,055.80
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Total Payments for all Purposes	428,444.79
Cash on Hand December 31, 1976	<u>109,409.71</u>

Grand Total	\$537,854.50
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Roger Aldrich, Selectman Chairman	\$ 500.00
Donald Jesseman, Selectman	450.00
Bradford Whipple, Selectman	450.00
Lissa Boissonneault, Town Treasurer	450.00
Mary E. Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare	150.00
David Shepatin, Moderator	100.00
Edward Pinkerton, Auditor	50.00
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk	350.00
Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector	450.00
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	\$ 2,950.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N.H. Municipal Association, dues	\$ 200.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Association, dues	10.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association, dues	10.00
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials, dues	10.00
N.H. Local Welfare Administration Assoc., dues	5.00
N.H. Association of Conservation Commission, dues	20.00
N.H. Municipal Association, handbooks	30.00
Equity Publishing Co., 1976 Supplementals	10.00
Sarand Inc., supplies	44.99
N.H.T.C.A., workshop	5.00
Lisbon Postmaster, postage	78.00
Littleton Office Supply	10.62
Robert E. Bowker	10.00
Edith Aldrich, poster	116.36
Sno-Engineering, copies	8.80
The Courier Printing Co.	123.32
Branham Publishing Co., reference books	12.10
Harrison Publishing House, Town Reports (500)	830.00
Donald Jesseman, trip to Concord	18.50
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	101.03
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk & Tax Collector Conventions	169.40
Mary E. Peckett, meetings	47.98
Barbara J. Fortier, Register of Probate	.30
Lissa Boissonneault, postage \$53.95, supplies \$4.77	58.72
Harold Aldrich, workshop	24.50
Franconia Insurance Agency, bonds	279.00
Edith Aldrich, fees, supplies, workshop	739.04
H. A. Holt & Sons, flags	24.15
Lissa Boissonneault, Secretary, Board of Adjustment	15.00
Anna Congdon, postage	3.74

Roger Aldrich, tapes, Town Meet. \$16.35, Meet. \$51.00	67.35
Charles A. Wood, Reg. of Deeds, deeds, Current Use Tax	47.63
Edith Aldrich, Secretary to the Selectmen	416.00
Harrison Pub. House, ballots, env., tax bills (resident & property), preparation of property tax bills	236.80
N.H. State Treasurer, OASI Fund & boat report forms	<u>3.95</u>
	\$ 3,787.28

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

The Courier Printing Co., notices	\$ 146.52
Harrison Publishing House, cards	16.90
Dorothy E. MacEwan, Supervisor of the Check List	80.00
Philip Robertson, Supervisor of the Check List	80.00
Edward Wessels, Supervisor of the Check List	85.00
Sybil Norton, Ballot Clerk	40.00
Anna Congdon, Ballot Clerk	40.00
Evelyn Whitney, Ballot Clerk	40.00
Neil McLaughlin, Ballot Clerk	10.00
Rosalie Robertson, Ballot Clerk	10.00
John Andrade, Ballot Clerk	20.00
Doris Disbrow, Grace Peabody, Alice Nelson & Margaret Peckett, Election meals	<u>85.38</u>
	\$ 653.80

TOWN HALL & OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS

Public Service Co. of N.H., electricity, town garage	\$ 43.61
Public Service Co. of N.H., elec., Meeting House	595.64
New England Telephone	449.28
J.C. Plumbing & Heating	5.00
N.C. McCulloch, fuel, Meeting House	1,441.82
Sanel Auto Parts	32.98
Eureka Hose Co., repair & recharge fire extinguisher	41.80
E.E. Bigelow, emergency light	111.55
Laf. Reg. School District, tractor mower & attachments	150.00
Leo A. Cote, Clock repair, main hall	15.00
Clifford Hall, piano tuning	20.00
Douglas A. Grella Assoc., boundary work, Meet. House	174.00
Fran. Hdwr., Supplies Meet.Hse. \$36.87, Mus. \$64.41	101.28
Virgil Coffin, Custodian, Meeting House	600.00
Johnson's Texaco, lawn mower repair	<u>7.75</u>
	\$ 3,789.71

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Maynard G. White, appraisal	\$ 600.00
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gary G. Young, Salary	\$ 10,191.90
Village Gun Store, revolver	145.00
Doane Oil Co., oil	50.22
Sno Sports Inc., Harley-Davidson Motorcycle plus ext.	3,232.09
MacKenzie Auto Parts	206.57
Sanel Auto Parts	25.04
Roberts Hart Inc., police boots	17.55
N.H. Ordinances	11.96
N.H. Dept. of Safety, radio repair	11.82
Littleton Office Supply	23.36
State of N.H., radio repair	13.60
Franconia Hardware	32.75
Robert Anderson	24.00
Dick's House for Small Animals, stray dog	35.00
Gary G. Young, phone calls	41.59
Belknap Tire Co. Inc.	131.02
Eureka Hose Co. #1, fire extinguisher	14.50
Wright Communications	33.70
Northeast Glass & Aluminum	11.70
Hunt's Auto Center	91.74
Sargent Sower Inc., car barrier	75.89
Grayden Peckett	248.00
Bradford Whipple	194.00
G.W.D. Young	71.10
Richard A. Sherburne Inc., tape measure	17.95
Central Equipment Co., flashlight	26.72
The Balsams, Police Convention	159.60
Mack's Men Shop, hat, shirts	61.24
Bens' Uniforms Inc.	122.44
Texaco, gasoline	<u>1,280.40</u>
	\$ 16,602.45

BLISTER RUST

N.H. State Treasurer	\$ 196.00
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INSURANCE

N.H. Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Share	910.99
Ferdinando Insurance Associates Inc.:	
Fire Station and Contents	\$ 116.00
Contractors Equip. Floater 2nd prem.	2,050.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,065.00
Auto Liab. & Physical Damage	2,094.00
Workmen's Comp. Audit	289.00
Add Reo Fire Truck	<u>82.00</u>
	<u>5,696.00</u>
	\$ 6,606.99

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eureka Hose Co. #1, fire extinguishers & refills	\$	101.56
Car-Go, 2 700x14 Trip-Trac		36.24
MacKenzie Auto Parts, parts & supplies		299.57
Littleton Office Supply		9.63
Peter Robertson		46.05
Reed Supply Co. Inc., hose, carb. & kits, points & condenser		138.07
Sanel Auto Parts		114.21
Blanchard Associates Inc.		
Fol-Da Tank, hose & coupling	\$869.89	
Dbl. jacket exp. rings	25.44	
Darley Pump repair	558.00	
Turbo jet nozzle repair kit	80.14	
3 sets hold downs for lights	<u>71.18</u>	1,604.65
Bradford Whipple, trips & supplies		56.40
Garneau's Garage		6.00
Floradale Gardens, flowers, funeral		15.00
Civic Supply Co., fire dept. plates		76.60
Fire Engineering, subscriptions		22.00
H. Marvin Ginn Corp., fireground tactics book		16.95
Public Service Co. of N.H.		482.92
Hunt's Auto Center		28.00
N.H. State Treasurer, belt web, hard hats, maps		35.65
Franconia Hardware		169.70
Prescott Lumber Co.		29.98
Wright Communications Inc., construction & installation		
delay timer plectron repair		210.62
B-B Chain Co., 1 pr. truck chains		135.00
Tetreault Salvage Corp. Inc.		1.10
Whelen Eng. Co. Inc., revolving sealed beam red light		85.43
Texaco Inc., oil		15.30
Hugh J. Gallen Inc., 2 hinges, phone call & UPS		16.51
Donald Boissonneault, fire school & trips		62.10
Lissa Boissonneault, cleaning fire station & supplies		7.70
Wetherbee Oil Co.		1,369.78
National Fire Protection		15.60
New England Telephone		751.31
Ledoux's TV Lab. & Appl.		20.94
Robert Peckett, cleaning fire pond by the school		157.00
Boston Coupling Co. Inc.		62.00
Curtis Noll Corp.		48.18
ZEP Manufacturing Co.		10.47
Lakes Reg. Mut. Aid, fire school, 2 persons, 2 days		32.00
A.N. Farr Co. Inc., 25 bd. ft. pine & 2 pcs. w. fir		46.57
Primary Care Professional Assoc., physical		15.00
Evans		5.00
Leo Dickinson, fire school		19.50
Admiral, 30 min. Air Mask Kit, air cyl., duo fld. 12' ladder		681.34

Treasurer Richard McDanold, dry hydrant	343.40
Lynn Card Co., envelopes & note cards	10.50
J. C. Plumbing & Heating	73.40
Robert Finn, sign	84.00
Philip Robertson, Sak Mix	18.24
Motorola Inc., base station radio work & unit check	91.10
Twin St. Mut. Aid Fire Assoc., dues, ant., chan., crystals	536.59
Jesseman's Garage, fire truck repair	518.35
Sno-Engineering	6.30
Inland Divers, 6 airpaks refilled	7.50
Jeffrey Henault, 3 airpaks refilled, fire prev. week	16.00
Michael Doolan, instruction	20.00
N.H. State Firemens' Assoc., dues	63.00
Metra Chem. Corp., 5 gal. Super My-T-Wet	95.60
Concord Woodworking Co., Inc., snow fence	142.56
Lawrence Corey Treas. Twin St. Mut. Aid, fire school	32.00
Fire Dept. payroll	1,102.50
Texaco Inc.	170.72
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	10,389.39
Bradford Whipple, Fire Warden	141.42
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	\$ 10,530.81

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL

Aldrich, Albert	\$ 51.50
Aldrich, Harold	25.50
Aldrich, Roger	33.50
Boissonneault, Donald	450.00
Coffin, Virgil	21.00
Cooley, Durand	17.50
Cyrs, Michael	12.00
deSantos, Edgar	12.00
Dickinson, Leo	14.00
Hayward, Robert Jr.	60.50
Jesseman, Donald	34.50
Kidder, Francis	37.00
Henault, Jeffrey	59.00
McPhaul, David	16.00
Presby, Bradley	10.00
Robertson, Peter	81.50
Robertson, Harry	33.50
Whipple, Bradford	101.50
Wutzdorff, Robert	12.00
Reid, Harry (AM)	12.50
Stewart, James (AM)	7.50
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	\$1,102.50

HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCLUDING HOSPITALS

North Country Home Health Agency Inc.	\$ 698.00
Littleton Hospital Association	500.00
White Mountain Community Services	<u>490.00</u>
	\$ 1,688.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Edith Aldrich	\$ 4.50
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DUMP

Fred Hunt, bulldozer	\$ 90.00
Harold Aldrich, care of dump	<u>500.00</u>
	\$ 590.00

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE - SUMMER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	\$ 4,416.00
Wayne Mardin	2,793.50
Edward Wessels	21.00
Fred Hunt, crushed gravel	1,416.00
Ruth Hutchins & Fred Aldrich, sand & gravel	194.25
Mrs. Otto Gersom, gravel	174.00
Tetreault Salvage Corp.	461.91
Fred Hunt, backhoe, grader, loader and bulldozer	1,255.00
Campton Sand & Gravel	328.99
N.H. Bituminous Co., Inc.	<u>11,559.35</u>
	\$ 22,620.00

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE - WINTER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	\$ 5,184.00
Wayne Mardin	3,843.00
Ruth Hutchins, Fred Aldrich	276.00
Fred Hunt, bulldozer	240.00
International Salt	<u>1,255.35</u>
	\$ 10,798.35

TOWN ROAD AID

N.H. State Treasurer, appropriation	\$ 534.43
Reginald Johnson, compressor	176.00
Fred Hunt, loader \$327.60, backhoe \$464.00, crushed gravel \$450.00	<u>1,241.60</u>

Harold Aldrich, agent	576.00
Wayne Mardin	384.00
Ilsa Gersom	201.60

\$ 3,113.63

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N.H. \$ 4,119.90

GENERAL EXPENSE OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

N. C. McCulloch, fuel	\$ 102.65
Alexander's Body Shop, snowplow repair	89.24
Concord Woodworking, snow fence	106.92
New England Industries Inc., machine work	8.00
Tetreault Salvage Corp., culverts & steel	202.16
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, poly	57.90
Oxygen Welding & Supply Co., Inc.	34.80
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., blades & sander parts	558.01
Maurice Nihan, Homelite chain saw	205.00
Campton Sand & Gravel	592.48
McLaren's Inc., loader cutting edge & parts	73.04
B-B Chain Co. truck tire chains & tow chain	136.45
Brooks Arco, tire repair kit	15.00
Berlin Spring Inc., springs	502.69
Curtis-Noll Corp., Units, bolts & nuts assortment	457.61
Maurice Nihan, chain saw repairs	20.50
Rice Tire Center, 2 tires	257.58
H. O. Taylor, heater, replace brake booster, lamp	324.33
Franconia Gas Corp.	44.50
Jordan-Milton Machinery Inc.	3.75
MacKenzie Auto Parts	68.97
Sanel Auto Parts	499.84
Franconia Hardware	91.91
N.H. Explosives Machinery Inc., dynamite & caps	85.00
R. S. Day Electrical Contractor	32.55
Littleton Mini-Motors, chain saw repairs	134.05
Johnson's Texaco	44.05
Woodsville Auto Supply, spring	13.96
Texaco Inc., oil & drum	140.24
Texaco Inc.	2,816.89

\$ 7,720.07

LIBRARY

Richardson Memorial Library, appropriation \$ 2,250.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

N. H. State Treasurer	\$ 1,053.66
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TOWN POOR

	\$ 200.00
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MEMORIAL DAY

Lorraine Hunt, flags	\$ 29.52
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BICENTENNIAL

Harrison Publishing House, programs & invitations	\$ 71.00
Floradale Gardens, centerpiece & 6 dbl. lilacs-Cem.	40.00
Roger Aldrich, material, ham, stamps & hats	224.10
June Warner, 5 waist coats, 5 coats & material	79.56
Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, film	17.05
New Chester Fyfe & Drum Corp.	150.00
Richard Grayson	9.00
Robert Anderson	30.00
David Eastman	9.00
Donald Boissonneault, painting museum exterior	492.20
Littleton Courier	24.42
Mitchell Vincent	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 2,146.33

RECREATION

Town of Franconia, playground	\$ 1,200.00
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CEMETERIES

Herbert H. Hunt, Care of Streeter Pond Cemetery	\$ 150.00
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ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Town of Franconia, Chamber appropriation	\$ 1,624.85
White Mountain Region Association	<u>800.00</u>
	\$ 2,424.85

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector	\$ 800.72
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DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS, REFUNDS

Joseph Nelson, registration refund	\$ 5.50
Leavitt Morris, truck registration refund	18.50
Douglas A. Reed, registration refund	13.50
Warren R. Swift, refund on 1976 property taxes	<u>89.27</u>
	\$ 126.77

RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY

N. H. State Treasurer, Social Security, Town Share	\$ 1,356.05
N. H. State Retirement System, Police, Town Share	<u>4,637.87</u>
	\$ 5,993.92

INTEREST

Peoples National Bank	\$ 1,870.31
Lafayette National Bank	1,575.69
Farmers' Home	<u>3,533.22</u>
	\$ 6,979.22

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Littleton National Bank	\$ 1,493.00
Lafayette National Bank	<u>6,345.00</u>
	\$ 7,838.00

SAVINGS

Lafayette National Bank	\$ 62,542.00
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STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

N. H. State Treasurer, Crane Hill Rd. Bridge 202/128	\$ 7,364.81
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LANDS, BUILDINGS, NEW EQUIPMENT

R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., snowplow	\$ 1,920.00
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NEW FIRE STATION

E. C. Brown's Nursery	\$ 50.00
Jane Young, Landscape design	<u>200.00</u>
	\$ 250.00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Peoples National Bank	\$ 71,250.00
Lafayette National Bank	<u>90,000.00</u>
	\$161,250.00

BONDS, NOTES, TERM NOTES, CAPITAL
RESERVE

Farmers Home Administration	\$ 7,000.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Fire Department	\$7,000.00
Highway Department	6,500.00
Police Department	<u>2,500.00</u>
	<u>16,000.00</u>
	\$ 23,000.00

STATE & COUNTY

N.H. State Treasurer, Bond & Debt	\$ 127.92
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TOWN OF LISBON

Town of Lisbon, final bridge payment & interest	\$ 1,814.27
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SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Lafayette Regional School District	\$ 78,001.14
Profile School District	<u>31,112.47</u>
	\$109,113.61

TAX MAP

Douglas A. Grella Associates	\$ 2,500.00
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Marro Tree Experts, tree removal	\$ 170.00
Floradale, planting 3-20' maples	<u>259.45</u>
	\$ 429.45

YIELD TAX

Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector (Yield Tax deposits)	\$ 141.00
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PLANNING & ZONING

N.H. State Treasurer, base map	\$ 19.80
Charles A. Wood, subdivision recording	101.50
Littleton Courier, building code	15.36
Sno-Engineering, copies	4.60
Margaret Connors, Sec. \$45.00, sup. & post. \$39.99	84.99
North Country Council, 1976 approp.	<u>581.00</u>
	<u>\$ 807.25</u>
Total Payments 1976	\$498,824.79



U. S. GOVERNMENT REVENUE SHARING

RECEIPTS

Balance January 1, 1976, Revenue Sharing	\$ 698.57
Dates Received:	
January 12, 1976 for 1975	\$1,493.00
April 5, 1976 for 1976	1,493.00
July 12, 1976 for 1976	1,496.00
October 4, 1976 for 1976	<u>1,863.00</u> \$6,345.00
Interest on bank certificate to 4/5/76	18.04
Interest on bank certificate to 7/8/76	20.62
Interest on bank certificate to 7/8/76	<u>20.62</u> <u>59.28</u>
Total	\$7,102.85

PAYMENTS

Highway Department (snowplow for truck)	1,920.00
Appropriation at Town Meeting:	
Highway Department: \$2,100.00	
Balance in Revenue Sharing Account	\$5,182.85

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, N. H. on December 31, 1976

Date of Creation	Purpose of Creation	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
		Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance Ending Year	Balance Beginning Year	Earned During Year	Balance Ending Year
12/23/66	Capital Reserve Fund	\$18,940.67	\$	\$18,940.67 (To 6/23)	\$4,219.68	5-3/4 \$ 684.99 (To 6/23)	\$4,904.67 (To 6/23)
<p>Upon recommendation of the Selectmen, and by vote of the Town at the Town Meeting held March 2, 1976, the former Capital Reserve Fund (consisting of Principal \$18,940.67 and accrued interest to June 23, 1976 \$4,904.67) was on June 23, 1976 dissolved. The total of \$23,845.42 was by vote used to open these new accounts as follows:</p>							
06/23/76	Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund (44%)	10,491.97	7,000.00	17,491.97	5-3/4	310.30	310.30
06/23/76	Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund (41%)	9,776.65	6,500.00	16,276.65	5-3/4	289.15	289.15
06/23/76	Police Department Equipment Reserve Fund (15%)	3,576.80	2,500.00)	6,106.91	5-3/4	106.67	106.67
			50.11				
		\$23,845.42	\$16,030.11	\$39,875.53	\$4,219.68	\$1,391.11	\$5,610.79

The above accounts are for the purpose for acquiring or replacing equipment and are invested in individual savings bank accounts.

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report - 1976

RECEIPTS

Balance December 31, 1975	\$ 246.65
Trustee Funds - Lisbon	27.47
Perpetual Care - Interest for Funds 1975	547.23
Sale of Lots	50.00
Lot Care	336.00
Interest - Checking Account	43.40
Interest from C.D.	905.64
Perpetual Care	<u>150.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 2,306.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Social Security	\$ 66.50
Charter Renewal	5.00
Box Rent	6.00
Transfer to Perpetual Care Account Funds	200.00
Tools and Equipment	256.25
Postage	8.45
Repairs	64.60
Flowers (A. Anker)	5.00
Supplies	13.94
Loam	35.00
Labor and Truck	<u>835.91</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,496.65
Cash on Hand December 31, 1976	\$ 809.74

Peoples National Bank - N.O.W. Account

Balance December 31, 1975	\$ 3,275.16
Receipts - Interest	<u>147.85</u>
Total	\$ 3,423.61
Disbursements	
E. Hubbard - Gate Repair	<u>\$ 760.15</u>
Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 2,663.46

The above account is from the Annie Anker bequest. \$12,000.00 is invested in a six year C.D. with interest at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$. No interest has been

withdrawn from this C.D. issued by the Peoples National Bank. The interest can be withdrawn as needed.

Statement of Perpetual Care Funds

\$12,000.00 of these funds are invested in a six year Investment Certificate of the Lafayette National Bank at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$. Interest is paid quarterly and amounted to \$905.64 in 1976.

The balance of the funds are in a Savings Account which shows a balance of \$703.92 on December 31, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Jesseman
Treasurer



CAROLINA CRAPO FUND

All dividends received from Investment Income and Capital Gains during 1976 were used to purchase more shares in the two funds.

The present valuation is as follows:

2535.783 shares - Bid 8.41 - Eaton & Howard	\$21,325.94
2041.918 shares - Bid 16.12 - Fidelity	32,915.72
Littleton Savings Bank	<u>680.60</u>
	\$54,922.26

February 7, 1977

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINA CRAPO FUND TRUSTEES
Donald Jesseman (1978)
Harold W. Smith (1980)
Mitchell C. Vincent (1982)

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Balance January 1, 1976	\$ 213.39
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RECEIPTS

From Town	\$ 2,250.00	
Interest from N.O.W. Account	24.57	
Memorials	15.00	
Other Gifts	<u>116.80</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>2,406.37</u>
Total Money Available		\$ 2,619.76

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary		\$ 659.32
Assistant Librarians		269.10
New Books, Magazines	556.96	
Maintenance		
Cleaning Library	8.00	
Book Cases - Lumber, Labor, Finish	68.02	
W. Presby - Plowing Parking Lot	30.00	
V. Coffin - Cleaning Sidewalk	36.00	
Cray Oil - Cleaning Furnace	19.20	
Globe - Shades	5.76	
Don Boissonneault - Painting Back Room,		
Stairs	410.59	
C. Aldrich - Upkeep Lawn	60.00	
V. Coffin - Cleaning Basement	15.00	
Cray Oil	293.58	
Public Service	<u>112.15</u>	1,058.30
Miscellaneous		
Librarian Supplies, Box Rent, Stamps,		
Checkbook, etc.		<u>75.51</u>
Total Expenses		\$ 2,619.19
Balance January 1, 1977		\$.57

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1976

Adult Fiction loaned	1,172
Adult Non-Fiction loaned	455
Children's Fiction loaned	568
Children's Non-Fiction loaned	108
Magazines loaned	130
Records loaned	<u>37</u>

Total	2,470
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Attendance	1,397
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	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. volumes beginning of year	4,064	725	4,789
No. volumes added	<u>131</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>157</u>
Total	4,195	751	4,946
Discards	<u>122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122</u>
Total	4,073	751	4,824

Records owned	154	36	190
Magazines received	7	-	7

Books borrowed from the Bookmobile:

Fiction	Non-Fiction	Juvenile	Records
511	539	1,266	2

Total borrowed	2,318
Bookmobile visits	3

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Through the generosity of the White Mountain Garden Club, the Richardson Memorial Library is building a fine collection of books on gardening and flower arrangements as well as receiving a magazine "Flower and Garden", northern edition, which covers subjects of interest to the gardener on a seasonal basis.

Patrons also have found helpful books on handicrafts, and outdoor activities such as backpacking, hockey, skiing and the care of horses which the library has in its collection.

It is regretted that not as many children used the library this year as last but a few families who were avid readers moved away so this may account for the drop in juvenile circulation. However, the library continues to lend books to Crapo Memorial School in the winter and looks forward with anticipation to the spring when the children can visit and select their own books. During 1976 there was a story hour for the school children after they selected their books.

With the advice of Miss Cynthia Miller, State Library consultant, more books were weeded from the shelves (books that were out-dated or had not been checked out in more than five years) in order to make room for in-coming books. After this was done a book sale was held, and books not sold were donated to the AAUW annual book sale. The librarian and trustees then rearranged the bookshelves so the library presents a more attractive appearance.

Each year the library has a project to keep the building in good repair. This year a bookcase was added to the children's section, the back work-room was painted, and the floor refinished. The furnace room was cleaned out and bookshelves placed there for older books which the library does not wish to discard. A new sign was given by George Blackwell and hung outside.

During the year there was an exhibit of reference books, Bicentennial books, Christmas selections, a 4-H exhibit and also, through the courtesy of Rev. Virgil Coffin, his collection of Political campaign buttons were displayed. The Willing Workers donated "Drama on the Connecticut" by Robert E. Pike in memory of Enzo Serafini.

Shut-ins are reminded that books may be delivered to the home upon request. Special non-fiction books and articles are available through the State Library if our library does not have what is needed.

The library wishes to thank its friends who have donated books, time and money in furthering its work. More books were obtained this year but due to donations the cost decreased to the library. Appreciation is also extended to the Bookmobile for its loan of books and records for adults and children.

The librarian wishes to voice her appreciation for the support of the Trustees in the work of the library. Suggestions are welcome for improvement of library service to its patrons.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion L. Sullivan
Librarian



CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Our efforts, this past year, were directed to taking down diseased and dead trees on Route 117, and replacing them with maples. We wish to thank those property owners who removed their own trees.

The monies received from the White Mountain Garden Club were used to landscape the grounds of the Sugar Hill Historic Museum.

The Conservation Commission met with members of the Easton Conservation Commission to discuss a Re-cycling Program to be used for the towns of Sugar Hill, Franconia and Easton. It was decided to support a feasibility study of this program.

Please contact a member of your Conservation Commission should you have a problem, or any thoughts pertaining to the improvement or conservation of the natural beauty of our town. We stand ready to help if we can.

Sandra Coffin
Edna Glaessel
Margaret Peckett
Aubrey Reid
Philip Robertson
Otto Smith-Johannsen

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1976

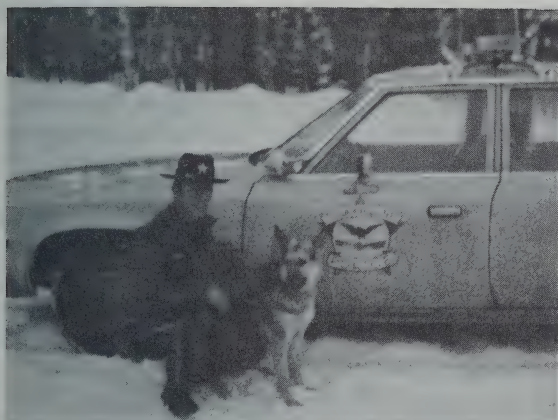
1976 was an exceptional year from the Police Department's point of view. The crime rate hit its alltime low in about ten years. There is only one thing better than a low crime rate and that is no crime at all. This is our goal for 1977.

The motor vehicle accident rate remained stable even though there was a record amount of traffic during our Bicentennial Year of 1976. Once again we are very happy to report a fatality-free year. Prevention can only be made successful by being out there to meet the problem on the streets where the problems exist. During 1976 we put an additional amount of manpower on patrol work which, in our opinion proved to be beneficial to the Town. We hope for more of an increase during 1977.

During 1976 there were a couple of additions made to the Department, one of them being a Police Motorcycle the purchase of which was made possible through the assistance of the New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency. The motorcycle has proved to be an extremely effective aid in traffic enforcement as well as in making property checks and general patrol work. Even with the increased patrol in 1976 we used about 600 fewer gallons of gasoline, due mainly to the favorably high gas mileage of the motorcycle. With energy sources an increasing problem we hope for even larger savings without having to reduce patrol activity. Making use of the motorcycle has made it possible to keep our first police cruiser in service for an extra year.



1976 Police Motorcycle, radar, radio & fire extinguisher equipped to further highway safety for the motoring public. (Gilbert)



"Tolerance" & Chief Young

*Sugar Hill's
full time
Police Department
(Young)*

The second addition to the Department is a new riding companion in the cruiser whose name is "Tolerance". He is a fully trained German Shepard, having received fifteen weeks of extensive training with the MDC Police in Washington, D.C. Included in his training was: search and rescue, building search for criminals, chase and capture of an escaping felon, prisoner detention and obedience. The appearance of Tolerance on the rear seat of the cruiser is enough to make the worst rowdy want to make a big circle around Sugar Hill. If an outsider doesn't wish to treat a man's home as a castle then we don't need that outsider. Tolerance was a gift to Chief Young from Chief John Ganley of the Salem, N. H. Police Department. In Chief Ganley's words, "Tolerance is a hundred pound Shepard who thinks he is a 1200 pound grizzly bear." Tolerance is a devoted animal who takes his job seriously to the point I believe he would die trying to protect your life and property.

Sugar Hill is a small community of the finest people to be found anywhere. The problems faced by the Police Department do not come from within Sugar Hill but from outside and therefore it is absolutely necessary to maintain the best possible working relationships with all other surrounding Police agencies. By knowing the persons with whom the other agencies are having problems, we are able to meet the problems at the front door and hopefully not allow the problem to go any further. We believe in the popular saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

With this closing thought I would like to thank all of the citizens who pitched in and gave us a hand in so many different ways and made it possible to knock down crime in Sugar Hill....If you see it, report it.

Respectfully,

Gary G. Young, Chief

REPORT FROM THE SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Once again the Sugar Hill Fire Department has had a very busy year although thankfully not in the fighting of actual fires but in the studying and drilling of fire fighting procedures and fire prevention.

The night duty program initiated last year during the winter months is again in effect this year. Although the fire department membership is down considerably, meaning each fireman has many more nights to spend at the station on fire call, the members were all willing to keep up this important program through the winter months of 1976-77.

A special committee of firemen studying all phases and aspects of the acquisition of a new fire truck for Sugar Hill has met on the average of once a week since February of 1976. They have put in many long hours with truck company representatives and others in the field and have also traveled to several other towns to view and discuss the many and varied trucks available. The townspeople can be assured that if a new fire truck is in the future of Sugar Hill, that the best possible vehicle fitting Sugar Hill's needs will be chosen.

During Fire Prevention Week in October the department held another successful open house. We were very pleased with the attendance. An excellent film on liquified petroleum fires was shown throughout the day and a variety of fire extinguishers, ladders and smoke alarms were on display and for sale. These items are still on sale through the fire department and may be ordered at any time. The door prize of a six pound fire extinguisher was won by a Sugar Hill resident, Mrs. Maxine Aldrich.

You will be pleased to know that the Sugar Hill Fire Department acquired, at no cost, a government surplus tank truck through the State of New Hampshire. The tank holds 850 gallons of water. This was a badly needed vehicle and the department was very fortunate to have gotten it.

The department has changed the regular monthly business meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday. During the winter months there will be two monthly meetings, one being a drill with our neighboring town of Franconia. We feel that a good and smooth working relationship with the Franconia Department will certainly be an asset to us both should an emergency fire situation arise.

Peter Robertson is our newly elected Chief for the ensuing year and your support and encouragement to our Chief and Department will certainly be appreciated.

Donald Boissonneault,
Chief - 1976

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN & DISTRICT CHIEF

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

State — 746 fires - 294 acres burned

District — 18 fires - 33 acres burned

Town — 1 fire - 3 acres burned

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF
John Q. Ricard

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Bradford H. Whipple





BIRTHS — 1976

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
February 12, 1976 Jonathan Oliver Wolcott	M	Charles James Wolcott, II	Paula Goldsborough	Sugar Hill, N. H.	N. Y.	Penn.
August 12, 1976 Blaine Adeline Perlo	F	Bruce Stephen Perlo	Elizabeth Adeline Morton	Sugar Hill, N. H.	N. Y.	Tenn.



MARRIAGES — 1976

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person By Whom Married
June 19, 1976 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Thomas Albert Paris Jr. Robin Sandra Welsh	Woburn, Mass. Woburn, Mass.	Thomas Albert Paris Sr. Ruth Cameron Dean Robert Stang Welsh Priscilla L. Patriguin	Abram W. Sangrey Pottstown, Pa. Clergyman
August 15, 1976 Sugar Hill, N. H.	John Delbert Knott Jr. Elisabeth Maryanne Kiersey	Danbury, N. H. Dunstable, Mass.	John Knott Sr. Ann Emerson Donald K. Kiersey Raymond Jammet	Virgil Coffin Sugar Hill, N. H. Minister
September 11, 1976 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Lyman Sturtevant Foss Virginia Lee Vincent	Sugar Hill, N. H. Sugar Hill, N. H.	Eugene Noble Foss 2nd Mary Winifred Brown Mitchell C. Vincent Dorothy Merrill Otto	Clinton Blake Jr. Lower Waterford, Vt. Priest-in-charge
October 2, 1976 Sugar Hill, N. H.	James Richard Peabody Susan Eileen Ruesch	Sugar Hill, N. H. Amisquam, Mass.	Richard Peabody Grace Coleman Gordon Bailey Ruesch Phyllis Eileen Lohr	William Briggs Franconia, N. H. Clergyman
November 7, 1976 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Paul J. Szeligowski Thea M. Boyce	Littleton, N. H. Littleton, N. H.	Joseph Szeligowski Mary Gajewski Michael Boyce Helen Temkin	Elizabeth A. Bogert Lyman, N. H. Ord. Minister



DEATHS — 1976

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	M S W			Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
					M	S	D			
February 10, 1976 Littleton, N.H.	Ralph L. Whipple	72	N.H.	M	M			Ret. Supervisor	George Whipple	Jessie Atwood



*Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Company at the Sunnyside Cemetary
May 31, 1976 Memorial Day Observance*

*Harry Reid, Roger Aldrich, Jeffrey Henault, Peter Robertson,
Donald Boissonneault & Bradford Whipple*



REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

We are proud of our heritage and we were privileged to share in it and to share it with you the people. After all the planning behind the scenes, the first event was the Bicentennial Flag presentation at the Meeting House, March 27, at 2:00 P.M. The program was well attended by both local people as well as visiting dignitaries. After the inside presentation, the Lucky Clover 4-H Club and the Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Co. led in the flag raising ceremony outside.

May 31 at 10:00, the Memorial Day Observance at the Sunnyside Cemetery remembered those that have shared in making our land great. Lilacs had been planted at the east gates in memory of the nine Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Sugar Hill.

Flag Day, June 14 at 8:00 A.M. brought people to the Meeting House for the flag raising and cannon salute.

Independence Day 1976 found combined church services in front of the Meeting House with a picnic following. At 2:00 in the afternoon, many in the community joined in observing the National Bell Ringing.

The Committee sponsored an Antique Show and Sale at the Meeting House on July 10.

The Willing Workers joined the festivities of the summer with their annual summer sale on July 15.

The next evening the Village Improvement presented an Historical Community Slide presentation at the Meeting House.

The big weekend, July 17 & 18, which coincided with our town anniversary, provided many exciting and interesting things. Saturday morning found people crowding the street to watch the parade which began at the Sunset Hill Annex and finished at the Meeting House. After that in the afternoon was the dedication of the Village Improvements Historic Museum and Village Green. The Hon. Potter Stewart was the speaker. A Barbecue was served later at the Meeting House with music

and entertainment by the New Chester Fife & Drum and the Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer which were with us all day. After the meal the film, "Making of a Patriot" was shown and a red, white and blue cupcake American Flag birthday cake was served. On display were things made for the event by the children of the Lafayette Regional School. The final touch was Sunday morning church services where old friends met and rekindled old memories.

The Sugar Hill Bicentennial Committee wishes to thank all those who helped in various ways to make it all possible. It is only as a community works together and shares the responsibilities, that any good thing will ever come into being.



CHAIRCOUPLES

Virgil & Shirley Coffin

Roger & Nancy Aldrich

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SECRETARY - Dorothy Parker

PUBLICITY - Esther Serafini

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION - Edna Glaessel, William Grass, Jr., Ruth Kistner

MILITARY - Roger Aldrich, Major Harry Reid, U.S.A., Ret.

RELIGIOUS - Aubrey Reid, Virgil Coffin, Homer & Dorothy Aldrich

MEMORIAL - Lorraine Hunt, Beatrice Straw, James Stewart

PARADE - Donald Jesseman, Dan Fowler, David McPhaul, Jeffrey Henault

ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE - Frances Clark, Eleanor Lynn, Betty Monahan

SUPPER - Bradford Whipple, Dorothy MacEwan, Margaret Peckett

PROGRAM - Mitchell & Jane Vincent, Barbara Hayward

EDUCATION - Mary Fowler, Deborah Henault

4-H CLUB — Maxine Aldrich

FIREMEN — Jeffrey Henault

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION — Mitchell Vincent

CHURCH — Virgil Coffin

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Homer Aldrich, Donald Jesseman, Aubrey Reid & Mitchell Vincent



The following selection of pictures were all taken by Kathy Andrade of Sugar Hill, except four by the "Larry" Presby Studio (page 60; top page 63 and both on page 73). The Back Cover pictures by Kathy Aldrich and Mitchell Vincent.



The Honorable Potter Stewart



Donald Jesseman - Selectman of Sugar Hill



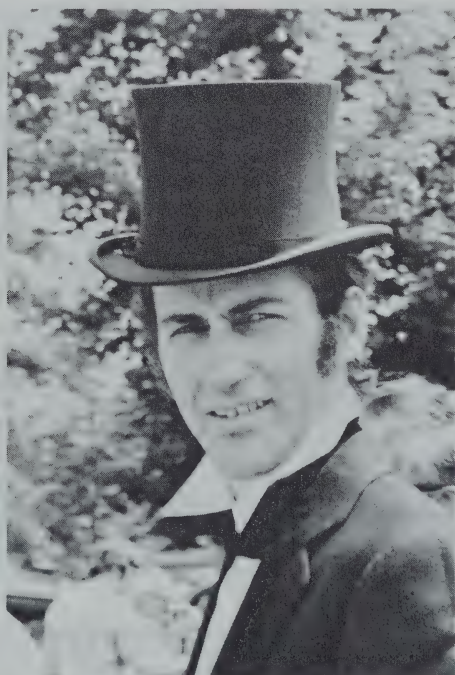
*March 27, 1976 - Raising of the
Bicentennial Flag. Bert Aldrich
& Officers of the Lucky Clover
4-H Club.*



Member of the New Chester Fife & Drum Corps



The Honorable Potter Stewart, Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court - Guest speaker at the dedication ceremonies for the Sugar Hill Historical Museum



Reverend Virgil Coffin



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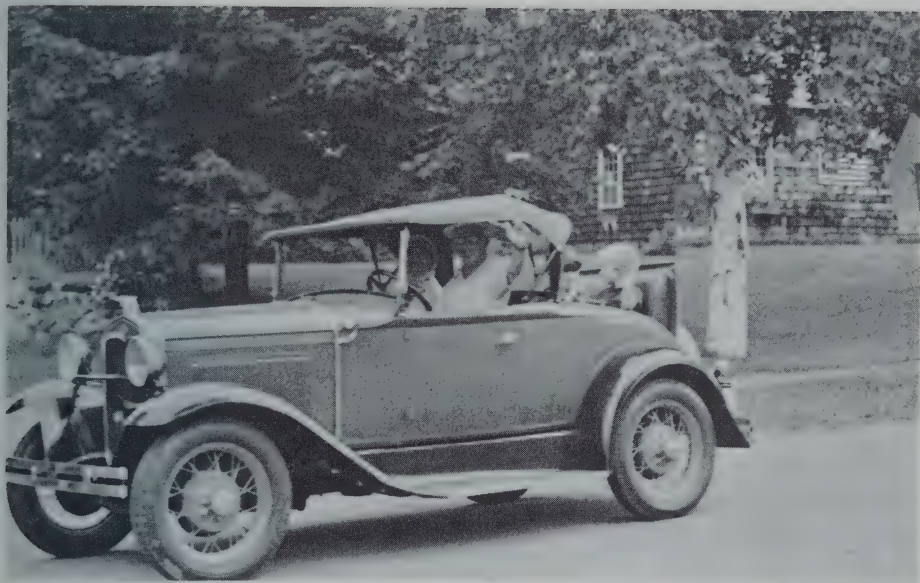
The New Chester Fife & Drum Corps - Performing on Museum grounds



Mitchell Vincent & Durand Cooley



MacEwan's 1915 Brass Radiator T Ford - Dolly, Chris & David McPhaul and Gordon & Sue MacEwan



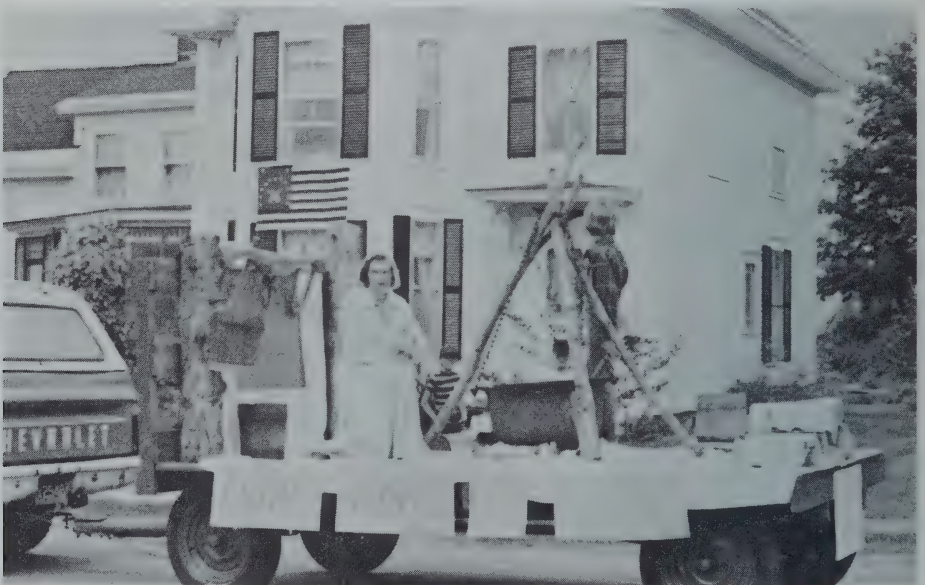
*Don Jesseman's Model A Ford - Don & Gladys Jesseman and grandchildren,
Bobby Wilson & Stutt Straw*



Bob Straw's 1929 Pontiac - Bob & Lindy Straw and Beatrice Straw



Sunset Hill House float with Betty Lou Carmichel & Lucky Clover 4-H Club Banner - Steve Aldrich, Billy Congdon & Bruce Russell



Lucky Clover 4-H Club float, making Maple Syrup - Maxine Aldrich and Charles Stevenson



*Jane Fasset, Barbie Aydelott, Heidi Glaessel, Sara Hartmann, Edna Glaessel
and Judy Aydelott & Lynn Glaessel*



Betty Monahan, Cornelia Lorentzen, Kitty Lorentzen & Eleanor Lynn



Carl Sawyer driving the Floridale Gardens float - Ruth Sloane and Norma Jean Grass



Peckett's float driven by Ross Coffin - Nathan Lovett, Zip-Zap (the dog) & Minny Cushing



Ledgeland float - Whipple children



Brian Boissonneault



July 17, 1976 - S.H.I.H.C. in front of Harman's Country Store



July 17, 1976 - S.H.I.H.C. in front of Harman's Country Store



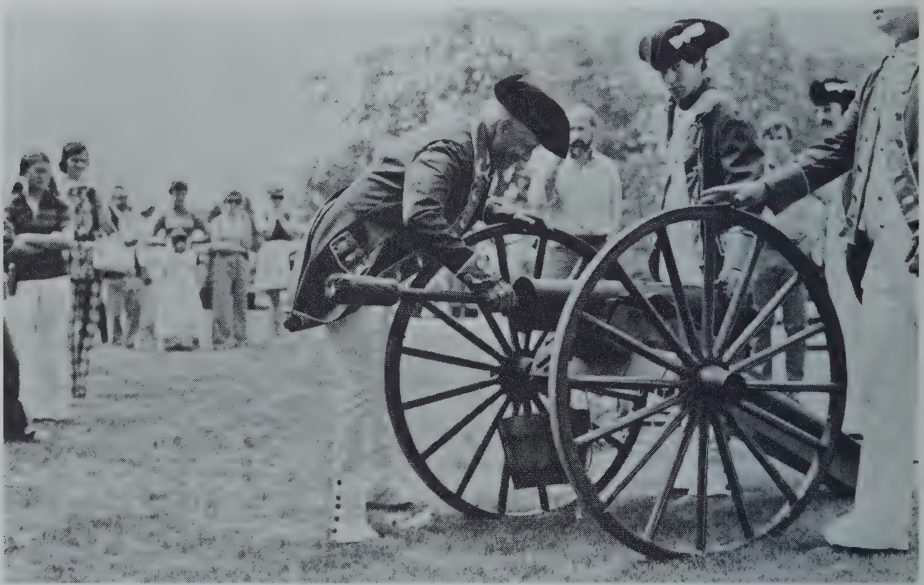
Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Company - In front of Harry Reids



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Kathy Presby - Drummer for the Sugar Hill Independent Howitzer Company



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Wives of S.H.I.H.C. - N. Aldrich, Lissa Boissonneault & R. Whipple



Richard D'Amato, Nancy D'Amato, Nancy Aldrich, Lindy Straw, Gladys Jesseman, Beatrice Straw & Willy Abler



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